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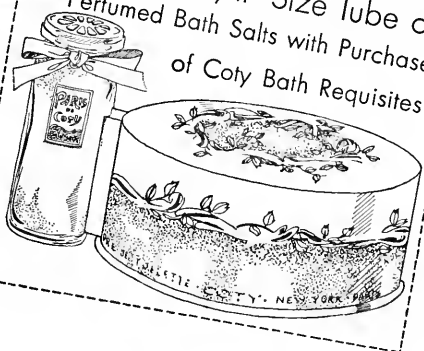
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A member of the Seminary Faculty since 1941, Wilson throughout his three decades in the Presbyterian Church has sought to further the aim of the impending Institute—inspiration, instruction and fellowship. Before establishing residence here, this native of Columbus, Neb., spent 20 years in the Mohammedan Near East where he preached regularly in three languages, worked in mission hospitals, acted as principal of mission schools and studied at first hand the changes wrought in nine nations by the turbulent 1920's and 1930's.

His successes as an evangelist among the Moslems were attributable to the scope of his activities. For several years, for example, he headed up the Near East Relief Committee for Persia and in the period preceding his return to the United States was chairman of the Near East Christian Council, the only general cooperative organization of Christian forces in the Bible Lands. Not the least of his distinctions was the request from Iran's Imperial Ministry of Education to write in Persian the authoritative history of Iranian art now used as a standard text in that country's government schools.

Unable to return to Iran during World War II, Wilson accepted the call to the Seminary and helped bring into being its distinctive field work program, the first inaugurated in any Presbyterian seminary. His department, charged with the laboratory, or clinical, phase of the Seminary plan of study, each year sends hundreds of students into churches for various forms of Christian work, ranging from assignments as part-time pastors to internship years under the Board of National Missions.

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Topics of the Town

Disaster Area. July, always the hottest and most humid month of the year, was off to a scorching start. It wasn't so much the long holiday weekend, which produced unofficial temperatures of well over 100 two days running, but the record-breaking drought that had parched the land since late May.

Central and South Jersey, harder hit than any section of the eight-state region that has felt the unprecedented dry spell, was being surveyed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as a disaster area. Even if rain came soon, the findings were that no more than 15 percent of the potato crop could be saved. Tomatoes and sweet corn were likely to suffer the same fate.

The prices of many fruits and vegetables were moving upward in unseasonable fashion. Dairy herds were registering a 15 percent decline in production, and the loss in hay being grown to feed livestock next winter was steadily mounting.

State officials rejoiced over the fact that an absence of water meant less mosquitoes but soon found they had a bumper crop of

Japanese beetles, which were unperturbed by the lack of moisture. In infested areas, growers of produce had their troubles increased by a rigid inspection of all fruits and vegetables being shipped out by train or truck.

The loss in near-by Burlington County alone was \$3,000,000 at the beginning of the week, would pass \$5,000,000 if no heavy rain fell before Monday. In the eight-state area, which extends north to the Maine-New Hampshire border, the loss was already \$50,000,000. Weatherwise, only the 1938 hurricane could top it in damage done, but if the drought persisted it would eventually dwarf that.

High Jinx. While we were watching a group of youngsters beat the heat the other day by chasing each other up and down the slide at the William Street playground, we saw a small black dog cross the street and get in line with them. When his turn came to go up the 12-foot ladder, he climbed from rung to rung as if he had been doing it all his life—which it turned out he had.

Once on the platform at the top, he ran forward and downward, gathering speed as he went. He stands up all the way and doesn't deign to sit down or to change his expression. Apparently it's more fun to do it completely dead pan.—Continued on Page 3

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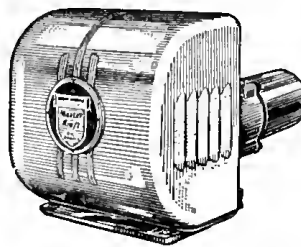
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and to watch out of the corner of
his eye how the jaws drop on the
people who see his act for the first
time.

We asked Procter Mike Kopliner
whose dog it was and soon there-
after we were talking to 13-year-old
Gail Housner, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Charles Housner of 68 Wil-
liam Street. "No one taught Jinx,"
she told us. "When they put the
slide up at the playground three or
four years ago, he just tried it out
one day and has been doing it ever
since."

He also likes to balance on a see-
saw, showing no preference for
either end or the middle, and will
ride a tricycle with his paws on the
handlebars but would rather sit in
a bicycle basket where someone else
does the pedalling. Jinx is 4 years
old and gives every indication that
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TOWN TOPICS went astray last
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as the family chartering the plane
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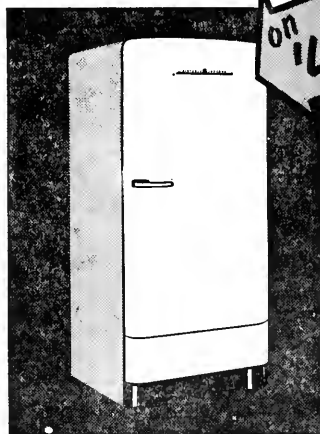
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With him were John Grover, Thomas Dignan and Dr. Loren Odden. The latter, incidentally, has seen no less than eight holes in one, five of them by Princetonians, but luck has yet to turn his way. In addition to Dr. James, they have been made by John Fischer, Richard Morgan, Charles Coffee and Harmon Hagenbuckle.
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'Home of the Brave'
Douglas Dick - Steve Brodie

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Randolph Scott - Jane Wyatt

Mon.-Wed. July 11-13
'THE SNAKE PIT'
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News of the Theatres

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THE PLAYHOUSE

House of Strangers (Thurs.-Sat.) features Edward G. Robinson and an able cast in the story of an Italian-American banking family which grew rich through usury but crumbled under the weight of its own deceit and domestic trickery. Occasionally inconsistent but dramatic and colorful.

The Fountainhead (Sun.-Wed.), with Gary Cooper and Raymond Massey, casts them respectively as an idealistic architect and hard-headed newspaper publisher who clash over professional standards as well as the same woman (Patricia Neal.) Though over-intricate and unrealistic, the story generally holds interest because of strong character portrayals and good acting.

Home of the Brave (Thurs.-Sat.), like the forthcoming "Lost Boundaries," has racial discrimination against the Negro as its theme. Its story is that of a Negro G.I. upon whom continual abuse and mistreatment at the hands of his fellow-Americans had greater effect than the battle shock experienced from invading a perilous Jap-held island. A worthwhile film with considerable emotional impact.

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The Snake Pit (Mon.-Wed.) is the much talked-of cinematic investigation of insanity and the treatment accorded those tragic individuals judged to be out of mental control. Olivia de Havilland gives a noteworthy performance in one of 1948's ten best pictures.

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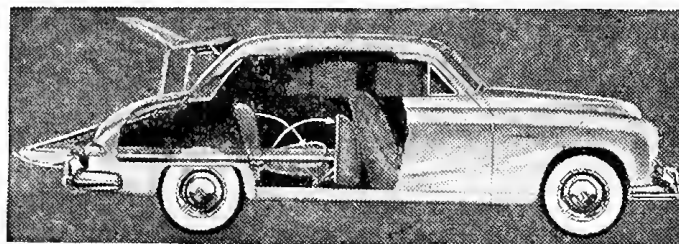
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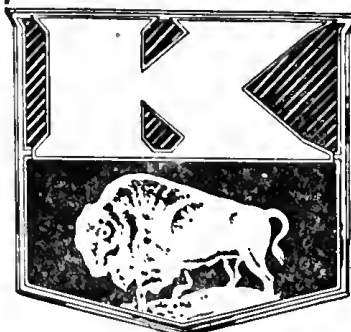
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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

NEWS OF THE THEATRES

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 The Eternal Return (Thurs.) is the latest French production to use the historic Tristan and Isolde theme. A Jean Cocteau production done with imagination and unusual photography.

The Judge Steps Out (Fri-Sat.) reports on a staid Boston jurist who deserts his dignified career and naging family for a chef's job in a wayside restaurant, with romance for desert. Slow, routine comedy with Ann Sothern.

MURRAY THEATRE
 The Vegetable (Thurs-Sat.), F. Scott Fitzgerald's satire about politics in the bootlegging era, is the weekend production. Next week (Tues-Sat.), a diversified and entertaining bill offering three one-act Irish plays: Purgatory, a poetic drama by Yeats with Karl Light in the lead; Cathleen Ni Houlihan, an allegorical tale about Ireland itself, featuring Pat Echeverria of Princeton; and The End of the Beginning,

a Sean O'Casey comedy about a man and wife who trade jobs for a day. Tickets at the University Store or call 345.

THE McCARTER
 Anna Lucasta, with Elizabeth Scott in the title role in a piece about Polish residents of Brooklyn, will finish out the week. Monday through Saturday, Joan Blondell in what is billed as her stage comeback; the leading role in Happy Birthday, a comedy about a frustrated old maid who celebrates the passing of another year in somewhat unconventional fashion.

SPORTS IN SHORT

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 Tuna Off Brielle. A party of eight that included six residents of this community numbered an 86-pound tuna fish among their catch off Brielle last weekend. The sizeable "chicken of the sea," unusual but not a rarity in eastern waters, was landed by Charlie McHugh after a full hour's battle.

Eight other tuna, some up to 40 pounds, were among the 14 deep sea trophies taken by the party. The group included Phil Carroll, Tom Brophy, Joe Herrmann, Andy O'Hara and Jack Sweeney.

Streak Intact. Blawenburg, second-place team in the Twin-M League and last outfit to beat Princeton (as far back as May 9) tied the Tigertown entry last week. Behind 9-6 in its half of the final frame, Blawenburg wrested three runs from Bob DiGiovanni to knot the count. Jim Kopliner with 3 for 3 paced the Princeton offense.

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Calendar of the Week

Sunday, July 10th
7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass,
St. Paul's R. C. Church.
10:30 a.m.: "Hur, Who Held Up the
Arm of Moses," Rev. Milton J.
Gauss; Lutheran Service; West-
minster Choir College Chapel.
11:00 a.m.: Sermon, Rev. Dr. John V.
Butler Jr.; Trinity Episcopal Church.
"The Joy of Living," Rev. Mr. J.
Christy Wilson, Jr., First Church.
"The Story of a Quilter," Rev.
Lynn H. Corson; Methodist Church.
"The Candle of the Lord," Rev. Dr.
William L. Tucker; Second Church.
"Fragrances," Mr. Peter McKin-
zie, Princeton Theological Seminary;
Witherspoon Street Presbyterian
Church.
Sermon, Rev. Mr. Roland F. Chan-
dler; Princeton Baptist Church, Penns
Neck.
"Sacrament," Lesson-Sermon; First
Church of Christ, Scientist.
Friends Meeting for Worship; Stony
Brook Meeting House.
Sermon, Rev. Dr. William T. Parker;
First Baptist Church.
"Christian Penmanship," Rev. Mr.
John W. Johnson; Mt. Pisgah Church.
8:00 p.m.: Public Meeting, devoted to
"Problems of Displaced Persons";
Rev. Mr. Edward D. Williams,
Church World Service; First Church.
"Happiness for All," Rev. Mr. John-
son; Mt. Pisgah Church.
8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First
Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, July 11th
6:15 p.m.: Twin-M League Baseball;
Princeton vs. Monmouth Junction;
Brokaw Field, University Campus.
"Y.M.C.A. 'B'"; Princeton Country Day
School; Earles vs. National Guard,
corner William Street and Olden Ave-
nue.
6:00 p.m.: Township Committee Meet-
ing, Township Hall.
Tuesday, July 12th
6:15 p.m.: "Y.M.C.A. 'A'"; Softball
League; Forty-Niners vs. Annex
Grill, Goldie North; Hawks vs. Ru-
yah, Goldie South.
8:00 p.m.: Borough Council Meeting,
Borough Hall.
Wednesday, July 13th
6:15 p.m.: "Y.M.C.A. 'C'"; Softball

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Belle Mead, another first division
club, was scheduled to play host to
the Brophy-managed nine this
Thursday evening. The July 4 game
with Pennington, postponed be-
cause of the holiday, will take place
next Tuesday evening at 6:15 on
Brokaw Field, with Monmouth
Junction here Monday night.

Short Shots. If the drought con-
tinues, Princeton's plans to hold
two weeks of early football practice
at Blairstown will have to be post-
poned . . . the grass on the grid-
iron is rapidly being burned away
and hopes of getting in a fortnight
of twice-a-day sessions away from
the campus are growing dimmer.

The 150-lb. crew won every race
at Henley, England, with ease,
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League: Jughtown "Y" Club vs. R. C.
A., Princeton Country Day School;
Opinion Research vs. Odd Fellows,
Goldie South.

8:00 p.m.: Mid-week Service; Parish
House, Witherspoon Street Presbyter-
ian Church.
8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Meeting; First
Church of Christ, Scientist.
8:30 p.m.: Mid-Week Services, First
Baptist and Mt. Pisgah Churches.

Thursday, July 14th
6:15 p.m.: Y.M.C.A. "A" Softball
League: Forty-Niners vs. Royals,
corner William Street and Olden Ave-
nue; Annex Grill vs. Phantoms,
Cousen Day School.
9:00-11:00 p.m.: Block Dance, spon-
sored by Summer Playground Com-
mittee; High School Oval.

Friday, July 15th
Deadline for submitting charter mem-
bership blanks to The Princeton Busi-
ness Association. Blanks and dues to
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